

## Agency 59 - Geologists Board

### Statutory Authority:

Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 81-3501 to 81-3541, The Geologists Regulation Act.

### Vision Statement:

The Nebraska Board of Geologists is committed to the protection of Nebraska's natural resources by regulation of geology and promoting public awareness. Preventing soil and ground water contamination is crucial to the health, safety and welfare of the public. The Board will continue to apply the highest standards of professional oversight to process registering professional geologists and qualified organizations in the practice of geology.

### Mission Statement:

The Nebraska Board of Geologists oversees the registration and licensing of professional geologists for the State of Nebraska, and ensures the enforcement and implementation of the Geologists Regulation Act [81-3534]. The Board ensures practicing geologists have the education, experience and examination necessary to serve the public. All registered organizations and professional geologists must meet the required standards. Through powers and duties granted by legislation, the Board comments on, interprets and promotes public awareness of the practice of geology.

### Goals:

The Board will continue their regulatory functions, ensuring enforcement and implementation of registration and licensing of Professional Geologists in the State of Nebraska. Goals to be completed during the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 bienniums through the efforts and resources of the agency:

1. Submitting newly completed Rules and Regulations to the Attorney General's office for approval
2. Striking the exemption in the Geologists Regulation Act for work which state approval or permitting is required, if such activity is in accordance with other requirements of laws, rules, or regulations pertaining to the use of a geologist
3. Reviewing the statutes for minor changes that need to be made as well as exploring changes that need to be made to align the Geologists law with the Engineers and Architects law
4. Update the existing website design and data to provide information to registrants and the public
5. Continue and improve the yearly newsletter
6. Continue an education and information program for industry, state agencies, and the public about who should be registered and why; and
7. Educate students and faculty about professional registration and help prepare students for careers.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	22,762	31,500	36,345	30,980	33,850	31,489
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## Program 159 - Enforcement Of Standards

### Program Objectives:

The Board of Geologists will pursue completion of the following objectives during the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 bienniums:

1. Introduction of new legislation to remove an exemption attached to the Geologists regulation Act, for state-approved work which eliminates the need for registered geologists in much of the environmental work being conducted in Nebraska
2. Submit Rules and Regulations for the Nebraska State Board of Geologists for approval; 171 NAC 1-6; and
3. Education of industry, state agencies, students and public about professional registration and public protection.

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### Performance Measures:

Continued growth will be crucial in maintaining expenditures necessary for covering actual operation costs. Although, expenditures have been carefully monitored and the cash fund has increased over the last few years, it will be depleted by future administrative costs without an increase in fees or new licensees.

In the last fiscal year, the Board processed 17 license applications during their quarterly meetings. During 2005-2006, 9 licenses were issued to out of state geologists and one was granted to a Nebraska geologist.

As of July 1, 2006, there were 284 licensed geologists.

The historic cost of services per licensee is as follows:

FY 01/02, \$72  
FY 02/03, \$60  
FY 03/04, \$69  
FY 04/05, \$62  
FY 05/06, \$82

Projected cost of services per licensee:

FY 06/07, \$107  
FY 07/08, \$125  
FY 08/09, \$115